what we do

The Howard County Community Foundation connects people who care about community with the nonprofits who are doing the most good here.

We do this by helping to simplify the philanthropic process, giving generous people a way to support what they care about. Gifts to the Community Foundation become part of a permanent endowment, which means they will benefit your community forever. We invest gifts so they grow, maximizing the resources available to use for grantmaking that addresses community needs.

“Starting a fund with the Howard County Community Foundation makes an important impact in our local communities. The generosity and vision of people who love where they live ensures we can continue to do good in our county forever.”

Dawn Fairbanks
Howard County Community Foundation Committee Chair
$92,237 total grants distributed
$90,237 discretionary grants distributed
$136,975 in donations

total assets: $662,984

total endowed assets: $566,265

Grantmaking by program area

- 36% Art and Culture
- 23% Community Betterment
- 11% Education
- 9% Environment
- 23% Health
- 3% Historic Preservation
- 4% Human Service

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Regional Health Services of Howard County Endowment Fund
Riceville Legacy Fund established by Peter J. and Elaine R. Govern Alvin and Karen Voyna Family Fund

2015 Discretionary Grants

**Arts and Culture**
City of Elma, Park Entertainment Equipment & Power Supply
Lime Springs Community Club, Lime Springs Children’s Theatre Troupe/Lighting System

**Community Betterment**
American Legion Post 0597, Elma Flags
City of Chester, Ball Field Project/Chester Partners In Progress
City of Chester, Upgrade Tables/Chairs Chester Community Center
City of Cresco, Cresco Chamber Business Committee - Cresco Flag Beautification Project
City of Lime Springs, Ball Field Improvements
City of Lime Springs, Brown Park Improvements
City of Lime Springs, Community Center Storage Addition
Concrete Floor
City of Lime Springs, Lime Springs Public Library - Laptop Computer
City of Lime Springs, Pump House and Concession Electricity First Freedom, Inc., ADA Restroom Update
Holy Trinity Church, Protivin Community Center Roof Repair
Iowa Wrestling Hall of Fame, Mural project
Pleasant Hill Cemetery Association, Landscaping
Riceville Community Foundation, Food Pantry Commercial Freezer

**Education**
Elma Early Childhood Center, Inc, Real World Skills
Howard-Winneshiek Community School District, Crestwood Elem. SMARTboard
Iowa College Access Network - East Central Iowa Student Success Center, Howard County Career & College Readiness
Spring Ahead Learning Center LTD, Room to Grow Enhancement Project
Trinity Catholic School, iPads in the Lower Elementary Classroom

**Environment**
City of Chester, Trees for Parks

**Health**
American Red Cross - Hawkeye Chapter, Blood Drive Rent for Riceville Community Center
Elma Area Wellness Center, Wellness Center AED & Exercise Equipment
Notre Dame Church, Evac+Chairs for Notre Dame Parish
Regional Health Services of Howard County, Lime Springs Clinic Building Concerns
Regional Health Services of Howard County, RHSHC Revitalization 2015
Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission, Food and Fitness Fun in Howard County

**Historic Preservation**
City of Cresco, Restoration of Theatre Marquee
Howard County Historical Society, Howard County Florenceville Methodist Church Project
Howard-Winneshiek Genealogy Society, Update Our Newspaper Microfilm
Norman Borlaug Heritage Foundation, N. Borlaug Birthplace Preservation

**Human Service**
Cedar Valley Friends of the Family, Safe Shelter & Housing Stability
City of Chester, Personal Protective Wear
City of Cresco, Cresco Fire Department Communications
City of Cresco, National Night Out
City of Lime Springs, Lime Springs Fire Department Turnout Gear Replacement
City of Protivin, Purchase Protective Personal Equipment
Helping Services for Northeast Iowa, Inc, The Prevention 5 Keeping Kids Alive Project
Northeast Iowa Food Bank, Mobile Food Pantry
Riceville Ambulance Service, Purchase of CPR Training Materials for Ambulance Service

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